COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From John Overell, Andrew Dale and Thomas Kirkpatrick, for appointment as Auditor.

From Charles Lilley, Mayor of London East, asking that this Council appoint a special Committee on Amalgamation, to meet a committee of the London East Council.

From Macdonald & Ivey, stating that unless steps were taken for the rebuilding of Oxford street bridge, action would be instituted to compel such rebuilding.

APPOINTING THE AUDITORS.

His Worship nominated Mr. G. F. Jewell, as his auditor.

A vote was then taken upon the appointment of Messrs. Dale, Overell and Kirkpatrick.

On the first vote Mr. Kirkpatrick's name was dropped.

On the second vote Mr. Dale was declared elected.

Then some of the members objected, and a general discussion ensued upon a demand for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the vote be taken over again.

Lost on the following vote:—

Yeas—Taylor, Cowan, Kingston, Hodgins, Christie—5.

Nays—Watson, Green, O'Meara, Browne, Hook, Stringer, Scarrow—7.

STRIKING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Cowan moved that Ald. Taylor, O'Meara, Stringer and Scarrow be a committee to strike the standing committees and report at the evening session. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

In amendment Ald. Scarrow moved that Ald. Watson, O'Meara, Stringer and the mover be a committee to strike standing committees.

The amendment was carried, and on motion the Council adjourned for half an hour to allow the committee to consult the report.

The Council adjourned for half an hour.

Upon resuming Ald. Watson presented the report of the Special Committee, recommending as follows:—

No. 1 Committee—Ald. Scarrow, Kingston, Green, Browne.

No. 2 Committee—Ald. Taylor, Hook, O'Meara, Christie.

No. 3 Committee—Ald. Stringer, Watson, Cowan, Hodgins.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1

Ald. Green moved that the name of Ald. Cowan be substituted on No. 1 Committee for that of Ald. Kingston. Ald Browne seconded. Carried.

Clause 2 was adopted.

On clause 3

Upon motion of Ald. Watson, seconded by Ald. Taylor, the name of Ald. Kingston was substituted for that of Ald. Cowan on No. 3 Committee.

MARKET AFFAIRS.

A communication was read from the Market Clerk, stating that the building erected on the Market Square by Mr. Ed. Murray was advertised to be sold next Monday, and that O'Meara Bros. said they would hold the city for damages to put their building in the same condition as it was before the erection of Murray's building.

On motion of Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Watson, the matter was referred to No. 3 Committee, and the Engineer instructed not to allow the building to be removed until the Committee should report.

The Council adjourned till 7.30.

EVENING SESSION.

The Council resumed at 7.40, there being present Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Watson, Green, Hodgins, Cowan, Kingston, Browne, Scarrow, Christie.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, K. O. P.—For the free use of the City Hall and adjoining room for an entertainment on the evening of Feb. 17th. Granted.

From Geo. McBroom.—For use of the Hall on 21st instant, for the annual meet- of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Application granted.

From Mrs. B. Clarke and John Bailey.—*Re* taxes. No. 1.

From Alex. Kirkpatrick & Co.—Asking that the Council adopt their odorless system of excavating sewers. Board of Health.

The communication from McDonald & Ivey *re* Oxford Street Bridge was referred to No. 2 Committee.

Ald. Green moved that Ald. Christie, Stringer, Cowan, Kingston and the mover be a committee to confer with a committee of the London East Council as to the terms on which they are willing to amalgamate Ald. Cowan seconded.

It was announced that the following gentlemen had been selected as chairmen of committees:—No. 1, Ald. Scarrow; No. 2, Ald. Taylor; No. 3, Ald. Stringer.

Ald. Browne moved, seconded by Ald.

Taylor, that Ald. Cowan be appointed as chairman of No. 1 Committee.

Ald. Kingston asked if the Council had any right to interfere in the appointment of a chairman. He thought that was a matter that belonged to the internal economy of the committees, and asked his Worship's ruling.

Motion ruled out of order.

Ald. Cowan appealed to the Council against the ruling.

Ruling sustained.

An application from John Bailie for extension of time to pay his taxes. Referred to No. 1.

THE AUDITORS.

The by-law for the appointment of the auditors was read a first and second time.

On the motion for third reading,

Ald. Taylor moved that the name of John Overell be substituted for that of Andrew Dale. Ald. Cowan seconded.

Yeas—Ald. Taylor, Cowan, Browne, Hook, Christie—5.

Nays—Watson, Green, O'Meara, Stringer, Scarrow, Hodgins—6.

The original motion was carried on the same division reversed, and the by-law finally passed.

THE COURT OF REVISION.

A by-law to appoint the members of the Court of Revision was read a first and second time.

On the motion for third reading,

Ald. Scarrow moved that Ald. Christie, Kingston, Browne, Green and Hodgins be the members of the Court of Revision. Ald. Stringer seconded.

Ald. Cowan moved that the name of Ald. Scarrow be substituted for that of Ald. Green. Ald. Green seconded.

Ald. Taylor thought it strange that three members should be appointed from one Ward.

The motion of Ald. Cowan was carried.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the name of Ald. Watson be substituted for that of Ald. Hodgins. Ald. Cowan seconded. Carried.

The by-law then passed as amended.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A by-law for the appointment of the Board of Health was read a first and second time, and on the motion for third reading the following were appointed members of the Board:—Ald. Stringer, Watson, Cowan, Hodgins and Drs. Arnott, Belton, Niven and Engineer Tracy. The by-law was then read a third time and passed.

A by-law was passed re-appointing the present Hospital staff for the current year.

By-law respecting the Court of Revision read and passed.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Cowan—I will move at next meeting that a by-law be prepared and submitted, rescinding a former by-law granting exemption from taxes and free water for five years, on that property known as the old Mechanics' Institute, and for a short time used as a safe and lock manufactory, the lessees having failed in business and left the city.

By Ald. Taylor—That whereas, a notice appears in the Ontario *Gazette*, that application will be made by this Council to the Ontario Legislature for power to issue debentures for $150,000, to be expended in land for exhibition and military purposes; and whereas, in the opinion of this Council it is inexpedient to increase the debenture debt of the city; and whereas, the proceeds of sale of the present grounds should be used for the purchase of other grounds and buildings, therefore resolved, that the notice now in the Ontario *Gazette* be withdrawn.

By Ald. Green—That James Cowan, Joseph Hook, T. D Hodgins and the mover be a committee to select several of the most suitable sites for fair grounds, to be submitted to the public if satisfactory to the East Middlesex Agricultural Society.

STONES TO BREAK.

The rule of order being suspended, Ald O'Meara moved that the sum of $250 be placed to the credit of No. 2 Committee for the purpose of having stones broken. Ald Scarrow seconded. Carried.

The Council adjourned for a week.